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SUBJ: LETTER FROM COMPSCO PUBLISHING RE WARNINGS
TRAVEL IN MEXICO

REF: HUGHES-NITTHEWS TELCON JANUARY ZS, 1977.

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF LETTER FROM COMPSCO PUBLISHING COMPANY,
PUBLISHERS OF TRAVEL GUIDES, 663 FIFTH AVENUE, NY. 10022,
TELEPHONE 212 PLAZA 76454 AND 201-962-4114.

QUOTE DURING OUR SOCIETY OF AMERICAN TRAVEL WRITERS CONVENTION
IN GUADALAJARA, BEGINNING OF OCTOBER, WE HEARD OF THE MEXICAN
HIGHWAY PROBLEMS WITH HOLD-UPS OF TOURIST VEHICLES NORTH AND
SOUTH OF MAZATLAN. IN PARTICULAR WE WERE INFORMED OF THE HOLD-
UP OF DR. WILLIAM L. FRANKLIN OF THE IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY, EN
ROUTE WITH HIS FAMILY AND CHILDREN TO A RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN
PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE UNQUOTE.

QUOTE THIS INCIDENT HAPPENED ON ABOUT OCTOBER 5, WHEN THREE GUNMEN
IN CIVILIAN CLOTH STOPPED DR. FRANKLIN'S PICK-UP CAMPER AND
FORCED THEM TO GET UNDRESSED IN THE NUDE (*). THROUGH A
FORTUNATE HAPPENING THEY DID NOT WAIT FOR THE EXECUTION OF THEIR
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ORDERS AND TOOK OFF AFTER ROBBING THEM OF AN AMOUNT OF DOLLARS.
WE UNDERSTAND THAT DR. FRANKLIN CAME RIGHT TO THE U.S. CONSULATE
TO REPORT THIS CASE. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT DURING THE SAME
WEEK THERE WERE SIX INCIDENTS OF A SIMILAR NATURE AND RUMORS GO
AROUND THAT THE LOCAL POLICE AND FEDERAL HIGHWAY POLICE HAVE
NOBODY TO CONTROL THEM UNQUOTE.

QUOTE CAN YOU PLEASE LET US HAVE FULL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS INCIDENT AND WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO PREVENT FURTHER PROBLEMS ALONG MEXICAN HIGHWAYS. WE PUBLISH THE LATIN AMERICAN TRAVEL GUIDE & PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY GUIDE AND WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING A WARNING ABOUT MEXICO IN OUR FORTHCOMING NEW EDITION. THE AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION IS PRESENTLY COMPILING ALL RECORDS OF REPORTED TROUBLES IN MEXICO. THEY WERE MADE AWARE OF THIS MAZATLAN TROUBLE AND WE UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE A VERY THICK FILE UNQUOTE.

QUOTE MAY WE PLEASE HEAR FROM YOU BY RETURN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION UNQUOTE.

2. LETTER IS SIGNED BY ERNEST A. JAHN, PUBLISHER.

3. AS STATED IN TELCON, INFORMATION PARAGRAPH TWO OF LETTER INCORRECT. DOES NOT COINCIDE WITH WHAT DR. FRANKLIN TOLD CONSUL. MATTHEWS

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